Recruitment rules for Principal/Vice-Principal/Post Graduate Teachers in KVS

2269. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has in terms of Government of India, Ministry of Finance Memo No. F. 3(11)-EV. (A) 73 dated the 16th April, 1975 read with Government of India, DP & AR OM No. F2-21/74 Est (D) dated 28th September, 1974 examined the recruitment rules relating to posts of Principal, Vice-Principal and Post-graduate teachers for the purpose to entitlement of added years of service under rule 30 of the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1970 to persons appointed through direct recruitment to these posts;

(b) if so, with what result; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Rule 30 of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 provides for benefit of added years of service in the case of scientific, medical, technological and other professional posts for which Post-graduate research or specialist qualification or experience in scientific or professional fields is essential and to which candidates of more than twenty five years of age are normally recruited.

The posts of Post-graduate Teachers, Vice-Principals and Principals do not fall in the categories specified above.

Subsidies to Universities

2270. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of World Bank instruction, subsidies to Universities are being cut gradually;

(b) if so, the cuts made in grants of the Osmania University for 2000-2001; and

(c) the instructions proposed to ensure that no courses of the University are dropped on account of cuts?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Osmania University has been set up by an Act of the Legislature of Andhra Pradesh. It is primarily the responsibility of Government of Andhra Pradesh to provide adequate Plan and Non-Plan grafts to the University. The information regarding cuts, if any, made by the State Government in the grants of Osmania University is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Super speciality degree courses

2271. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce super-speciality degree courses in subjects like Karamkand (rituals performed by priests) and Vedic Astrology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would also take up the cause of genuine purohits who are well-versed in performing vedic rites and consider them for training purposes in the proposed set up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Considering that expertise in the Karamkand, both in quality and quantity, is not readily available and that there is an urgent need to rejuvenate the science of Vedic Astrology, the University Grants Commission (UGC) decided to approve, in principle, the Scheme of setting up of Departments of Karamkand and Vedic Astrology in selected Indian Universities. These Departments would impart teaching and training leading to certificate, diploma, undergraduate, postgraduate and Ph.D. degrees in the subjects. The Commission has decided to set up an Expert Committee to examine the details of the proposed schemes and submit its report to the Commission for consideration.